

POETRY

Poetry is pumpernickel
Poetry is food for thought
Poetry is shadowland
Poetry is office furniture
Poetry is an office desk
Poetry is a stenographer
A stenographer is a dictator
A stenographer takes dictation
Poetry is shorthand
A stenographer is an artist
A stenographer writes of the sun that also rises
A stenographer writes of the sun and the moon and the stars
A stenographer takes dictation from the republic
A stenographer writes of the surrounding countryside
A stenographer writes of the forestlands
A stenographer writes of the highlands
A stenographer writes of the hills that are
covered with flowers
A stenographer is the fuehrer
A stenographer takes dictation
A stenographer writes of the sunbeams
A stenographer writes of the daylights
A stenographer writes of the light of day

-- Alfred Starr Hamilton

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